

## IN THE CLAIMS

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8. (Amended) A finger guide ~~as recited in claim 6, wherein:~~ allowing a user to perform measuring, marking, and cutting operations upon an object having a top surface and an edge, comprising:
  - a. a top guide, having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein said lower surface is positioned to bear against said top surface of said object;
  - b. an edge guide, connected to said top guide and positioned to bear against said edge of

said object;

- c. an index finger hole passing completely through said edge guide, wherein said index finger hole is large enough to allow passage of said user's index finger therethrough;
- a. d. said edge guide has an edge mating surface and a second surface distal to said edge mating surface; and
- b. e. said second surface includes a middle finger trough positioned to accommodate said user's middle finger.

- 9. (Amended) A finger guide as recited in claim 6 8, wherein said upper surface of said top guide includes a reference mark.
- 10. (Amended) A finger guide as recited in claim ~~6~~ 8, wherein said edge mating surface of said edge guide includes a relief bevel.
- 11. (New) A finger guide as recited in claim 8, wherein said upper surface of said top guide opens into a tape trough.